

Lynda Wilson-Dinino, Kennebunk, ME.

Dear Members of FER Commission,

I live in Kennebunk where the Mousam River flows through with a picturesque waterfall in the center of town. A couple of years ago the residents who live along the river began a campaign to keep the dam in place even though it is in need of great repair. They, I believe, were concerned mostly about their property values sinking as they feared the river would decrease substantially if the dam was removed. Fiscally it is a disaster for the town of Kennebunk if ever we have to shoulder the cost of rebuilding them. A friend of ours figured out it would be cheaper for the town to install in-ground pools for each homeowner rather than fix and remediate the dam.

As we learned more about dams and their adverse effects to the wildlife and our particular dam has fallen into disrepair, the path forward seems clear. Please put the weight of your agency behind a move to compel our town to do what is right by the fish and birds of Maine. Let these homeowners see their property values soar without the dam in place, and as more birds and other wildlife prosper and the river becomes its natural, beautiful self. Please help.

Sincerely,

Lynda Wilson-Dinino